

AN ACT

relating to requirements for educator preparation program support for certain candidates for certification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 21.044, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(f-1) Board rules addressing ongoing educator preparation program support for a candidate seeking certification in a certification class other than classroom teacher may not require that an educator preparation program conduct one or more formal observations of the candidate on the candidate's site in a face-to-face setting. The rules must permit each required formal observation to occur on the candidate's site or through use of electronic transmission or other video-based or technology-based method.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

S.B. No. 1963

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1963 passed the Senate on May 15, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1963 passed the House on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 9, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor